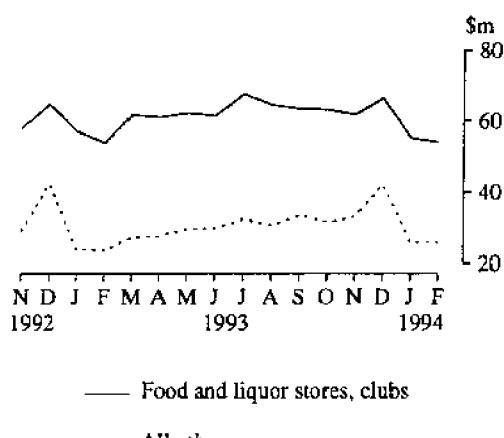


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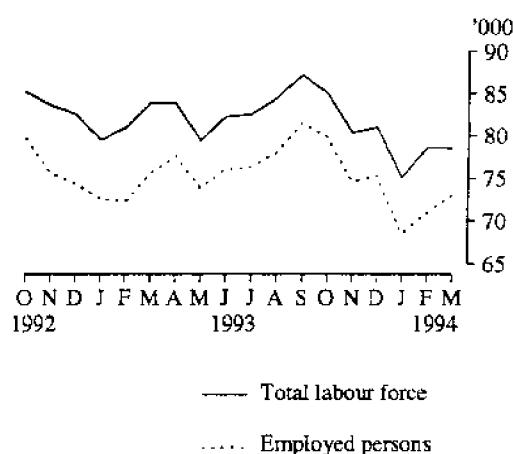
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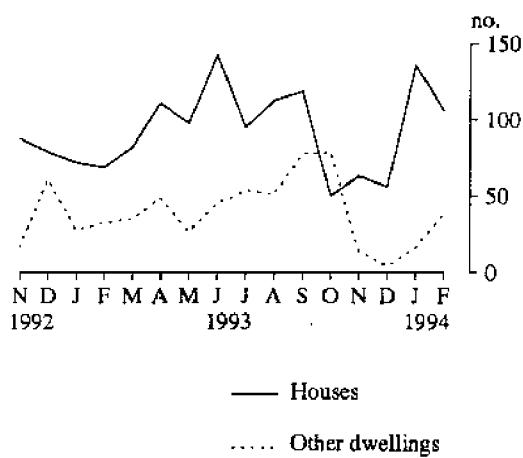
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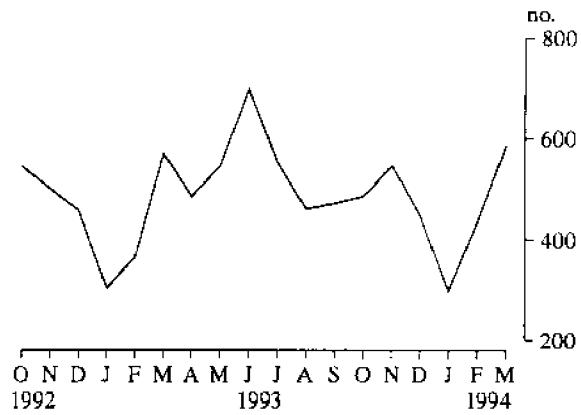
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#### NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



#### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



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Indicator	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	Change from	Change from	Latest	Change from	Change from
				previous period	same period previous year		previous period	same period previous year
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>								
Employed	'000	Mar 94	73.0	3.0	-3.3	7 838.2	1.1	2.3
Unemployed	'000	Mar 94	5.6	-28.2	-33.3	949.2	-5.7	-3.1
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Mar 94	7.2	-2.7	-2.8	10.8	-0.7	-0.5
Participation rate (a)	%	Mar 94	65.3	-0.2	-5.3	63.3	0.2	0.3
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>								
Males	\$	Dec qtr 93	663.90	-0.3	3.2	619.00	0.1	3.2
Females	\$	Dec qtr 93	437.20	-2.4	-1.0	403.60	-0.2	3.2
Total persons	\$	Dec qtr 93	558.30	-0.5	2.0	521.50	0.2	3.5
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER</b>								
Food and liquor stores, clubs	\$m	Feb 94	54.0	-2.0	0.4	4 363.3	-6.0	4.7
All other stores	\$m	Feb 94	25.9	-0.8	9.7	3 125.7	-7.3	6.2
Total	\$m	Feb 94	80.0	-1.4	3.6	7 488.9	-6.6	5.4
<b>PRICES</b>								
Consumer Price Index								
Food (1989-90=100.0)		Dec qtr 93	112.6	1.3	4.0	109.5	0.6	2.6
Housing (1989-90=100.0)		Dec qtr 93	103.0	-1.2	0.1	93.6	-1.4	-0.4
Transport (1989-90=100.0)		Dec qtr 93	113.4	0.5	2.2	113.5	0.3	2.3
All groups (1989-90 = 100.0)		Dec qtr 93	111.7	1.0	2.3	110.0	0.2	1.9
Average Retail Prices								
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Dec qtr 93	199	1.5	4.7	165	1.2	4.4
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Dec qtr 93	168	-	1.8	152	0.7	2.7
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Dec qtr 93	94	-	-	102	-	4.1
Petrol, super, 1 litre	cents	Dec qtr 93	75.0	1.1	1.6	70.1	0.9	-0.6
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Dec qtr 93	1 232	1.1	5.3	1 113	1.8	4.6
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b>	no. of days lost	Year ended						
<b>IN PROGRESS</b>	per '000 employees	Jan 94	37	-	-22.9	108	-	-31.6
<b>BUILDING</b>								
Approvals								
New houses	no.	Feb 94	106	-22.1	53.6	9 848	15.2	5.2
Other residential	no.	Feb 94	38	137.5	15.2	4 036	-4.6	9.6
Total new residential building	\$m	Feb 94	13.9	-31.7	74.3	1 181.3	8.0	8.9
Total non-residential building	\$m	Feb 94	4.4	-22.3	-45.6	781.0	38.0	33.5
Value of all building approved	\$m	Feb 94	19.9	-25.5	12.5	2 136.0	18.4	17.0
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Dec qtr 93	263	-18.6	32.2	31 703	-3.0	3.6
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Dec qtr 93	85.3	13.3	42.9	6 709.5	3.7	3.9
<b>HOUSING FINANCE</b>								
Secured commitments to individuals								
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Feb 94	5.6	64.7	75.0	707.3	32.6	35.6
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Feb 94	2.7	125.0	68.8	232.5	44.1	85.7
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Feb 94	23.1	45.3	9.5	3 259.0	36.2	38.5
<b>PRODUCTION</b>								
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu. m	Nov 93	11	-	37.5	1 297	0.5	8.5
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>								
Motor vehicles	no.	Mar 94	586	35.0	2.6	52 687	14.7	2.1
Motor cycles	no.	Feb 94	37	146.7	23.3	1 613	8.9	0.2
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>								
Imports	\$m	Feb 94	28.5	52.6	71.6	4 407.9	-9.4	-0.5
Exports (c)	\$m	Feb 94	78.5	40.7	-28.8	4 546.3	0.3	2.0
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>								
Hotels, Motels & Guest Houses								
Room occupancy rates (a)	%	Dec qtr 93	50.9	-16.5	4.9	55.5	1.0	3.7
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Dec qtr 93	29.5	-11.7	2.3	34.2	0.7	2.2
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Dec qtr 93	19 496	-26.6	14.3	709 542	5.6	10.0
<b>POPULATION</b>								
Total	'000	Sep qtr 93	169.1	0.5	0.9	17 712.7	0.3	1.1

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(d) includes Residential and Non-residential Building.



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